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CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

A BONUS of FIFTEEN PER CENT. A will be paid on Premiums for the year 1890, has been declared. Warrants may be had on application at the above Office on and after the 7th proxim.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1891. [1058]

GREEN ISLAND COMPANIES, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That in accordance with the special Resolution passed by the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the said Company on the 3rd day of January, 1891, and confirmed on the 19th January, 1891.

Any SHARE in respect of which all the instalments shall not have been paid or before the 10th day of JANUARY, 1891, will be FORFEITED, and the same will be held by the Company as absolute property of the Company and may be re-sold or otherwise disposed of, as the General Managers shall determine, and any members whose shares shall have been forfeited shall notwithstanding such forfeiture, be liable to pay to the Company all instalments due in respect of such shares at the time of forfeiture.

By virtue of this Resolution, 7,014 Shares on which calls are due were forfeited on the following list:

No. 511/00, 116/175, 228/275, 301/325, 396/435, 511/530, 555/570, 806/830, 855/885, 911/960, 1086/1144, 1151/1200, 1246/1296, 1321/1345, 1371/1420, 1416/1444, 1704/1729, 1755/1774, 1769/1871, 1856/1914, 1970/2024, 2037/2046, 2057/2111, 2362/2311, 2362/2341, 2482/2511, 2623/2651, 2635/2676, 2687/2752, 2755/2767, 2760/2829, 2857/2859, 2858/2854, 3150/3229, 3303/3378, 3403/3434, 3430/3454, 3451/3484, 3459/3494, 3463/3478, 3479/3513, 4253/4315, 4315/4326, 4321/4330, 5364/5378, 5384/5408, 5581/5616, 6202/6701, 7045/7050, 7076/7190, 7156/7305, 7286/7345, 7426/7550, 7641/7670, 7701/7730, 7851/7935, 7880/8010, 8145/8161, 8222/8281, 8229/8321, 8303/8345, 8591/8626, 9016/9040, 9211/9250.

ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO., General Manager.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1891. [1059]

VICTORIA CHAPTER.

No. 825.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the

FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, TO-MORROW EVENING, the 28th inst., at 8.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1891. [1055]

OKOKA STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking cargo and passengers at through rates for Ningpo, Chefoo, Newchwang, Tientsin, Hankow, and ports on the Yangtze.)

THE Company's Steamship.

"TELAMON."

Captain Jackson will be despatched as above

TODAY, the 27th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE, Agents.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1891. [1060]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will LET FURNISHED,

TILL 15TH JULY.

M. E. CAMPBELL'S BUNGALOW on

the EAST BRANCH.

For particulars apply to

R. M. CAMPBELL,

331a.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will LET FURNISHED,

TILL 9TH AUGUST.

THE New Steam Winder and Enhanced Dial

WATERBURY WATCH.

Series J.—For Gentlemen, or large size.

Series L.—For Ladies, or small size.

Winds in less than a dozen turns; Jeweled,

Dust-proof, Keyless, with all the

latest improvements; A perfect and

unrivalled timekeeper; reliable dur-

able and accurate.

The latest Standard Work on the Philip-

pines Islands. Price £5.

The Map and Frontispiece required for the

completion of this work will arrive by the

next English Mail. Copies will then be

ready for delivery at once.

All Ships and other Vessels are com-

missioned to keep clear of the ranges.

By Command.

JOHN DEANE,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1891. [1063]

OBAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from

the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that

ARTILLERY, INFANTRY, and CAVALRY,

will be paraded on the 28th inst., at 8.30 A.M.

in front of the Godown, No. 13, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong.

Goods undelivered after the 2nd proxim will be subject to Rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godown, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 4th inst.

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE, Agents.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1891. [1064]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTIFICATION.

"TELAMON."

Captain Ashton will be despatched for the

Ports TO-MORROW, the 28th inst., at Noon,

instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS L. SPAHR & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th April, 1891. [1049]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTIFICATION.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT,

(Taking through cargo for Sulu, Menado,

Gorontalo, and Terentate.)

THE Company's Steamship.

"MEMNON."

Captain Dorff will be despatched as above

ON WEDNESDAY, the 27th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LINDSTROM & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1891. [1051]

OBAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTIFICATION.

"ZAMBIAN."

Will be despatched as above on THURSDAY,

the 28th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JOHN DEANE,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1891. [1053]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTIFICATION.

"TELAMON."

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being

shipped into China, and for United

the Godown of the Underwriters, in Hongkong, and

will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown

on and after the 26th inst.

Goods undelivered after the 3rd proxim will be subject to Rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godown, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 4th inst.

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## INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG TRADING CO., LTD.  
GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING  
DEPARTMENT.

## NEW HOSIERY

To Hand, by Recent Arrival.  
SILK and SPUN SILK HALF-HOSE.  
WHITE and FANCY COLOURED LISLE  
THREAD HALF-HOSE.  
FANCY COLOURED and STRIPED  
MERINO HALF-HOSE.  
NATURAL WOOL HALF-HOSE.  
PLAIN and FANCY CASHMERE HALF-HOSE.  
HALBERGAN HALF-HOSE.  
MARINE BLUE, SLATE, DRAB, COTTON HALF-HOSE:  
VERTICAL STRIPES.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LTD.

12 GOLD MEDALS 5 SILVER MEDALS

By Appointment.

KUHN & CO.  
HONGKONG, YOKOHAMA.  
(Established, 1869).

THE ORIENTAL FINE ART DEPOT.  
Known as the Oldest and most reliable Estab-  
lishment in the East.  
Hongkong, 9th February, 1891.

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BY APPOINTMENT.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,  
(Established, 1841).  
HONGKONG.

We invite attention to the following old land-  
ed brands, all of which are excellent quality and  
good value for money.

The same being specially selected by our  
London House, and bought direct from the most  
noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled  
by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best  
growth at moderate prices.

In ordering it is only necessary to state  
the brand, quality or type of wine or spirit wanted,  
and initial letter for delivery desired.

Orders through Local Post or by Telegram  
receive prompt attention.

(For Industrial and general use).

Per doz.

A Alto Douro good quality  
Green Capsules..... \$10 \$1.00

B Vintage superior quality  
Red Capsule..... 12 1.10

C Fine Old Vintage, sup-  
erior quality, Black Seal  
Capsules..... 14 1.25

D Very Fine Old Vintage,  
extra superior, Vines  
Capsule (Old Bottled)..... 15 1.50

SHERRIES.

A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner  
wine, Green Capsules..... 6 0.60

B Superior Pale, Extra  
dry Capsule..... 7.50 0.75

C Mauzasilla, Pale Natural  
Sherry, White Capsule..... 10 1.00

CC Superior Old Dry, Pale  
Natural Sherry, Red Seal  
Capsule..... 10 1.00

D Very Superior Old Pale  
White Seal Capsule..... 12 1.10

E Extra Superior Old Pale  
dry, very fine quality,  
Black Seal Capsule (Old  
Bottled)..... 14 1.25

Fine Port, Per doz. 1.00  
1 for Bot. 2 for  
Quarts. Pints.

CLARETS.

A Superior Breakfast, Claret  
Red Capsule..... 84 8.40

B St. Estape, Red Capsule..... 4.50 0.50

C St. Julian..... 7.50 0.75

D La Ross..... 11 1.20

For doz. 1.00  
C. Per Bot.

BRANDY.

A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red  
Capsule..... \$12 \$1.10

B Superior Very Old Cognac,  
Red Capsule..... 14 1.25

C Very Old Liqueur Cognac,  
Red Capsule..... 15 1.50

D Hennessy's Fine Very Old  
Liqueur Cognac..... 18.75

Vintage Red Capsule (Old  
Bottled)..... 14 1.25

Per doz. 1.00  
1 for Bot.

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A Thorne's, Blend, White Cap-  
sule..... 8 0.75

B Watson's Glenlivet, Mal-  
tiple Blend, Blue Capsule,  
with Name and Trade Mark..... 8 0.75

C Watson's Ablour-Glenlivet,  
Red Capsule with Name  
and Trade Mark..... 8 0.75

D Watson's Fine Scotch Whisky,  
the Blend, Red Capsule, with  
Name..... 10 1.00

GIN.

A Fine Old Tom, White Cap-  
sule..... 1.50 0.40

B Fine Unpeated, White  
Capsule..... 4.50 0.40

C Fine A. V. G. Grove..... 5.25 0.50

RUM.

Fine Old Jamaica, Violet  
Capsule..... 12 1.10

Good Loward Island, \$1.50 per Gallon.

LIQUORS.

Benedictine - Marschino

Curaçao - Herring's Cherry Cordial

Chartreuse Dr. Sloger's Angostura  
Bitters, &c.

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BIRTH.

On the 2nd March, at Penzance, Monmouth, the  
wife of J. E. HARRIS, M.I.C.E., Chinese Imperial  
Customs, of a daughter.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 27TH, 1891.

WHEN a mistake has been made the proper thing to do is to rectify it as soon as possible. The unofficial members of the Legislative Council say a mistake was made in the matter of the increase of official salaries. Having allowed the mistake to stand for a year, and then confirmed it by voting the money required to carry out their recommendations, they now wish to reverse the decision arrived at and withhold the increase. Having freely acknowledged what they now consider an error so good purpose is to be served in dwelling upon the inconsistency in their views except for the purpose of correctly appraising the value of the advice they now give. In their letter to the Governor of the 24th instant they claim to be His Excellency's advisers on financial matters, and his sole advisers in a

"question so nearly affecting the official members?" If, however, they advise one thing one day and another thing another, what is the Governor to do? On the 1st December, 1890, the Commission appointed to consider the question of an increase to the salaries of public officers made their report, recommending an increase in England equivalent to the fall in the sterling value of the dollar and that the salaries of other officers who as a class may be deemed to be domiciled in the East should be increased by 20 per cent. This report is signed by Mr. F. CLARKE, who took the late Hon. F. STUART's place as Chairman, and by the whole of the unofficial members of that time, namely, HONG P. RYME, WONG SHING, C. P. CHATER, J. J. KEEWICK, and T. B. LATTON, the Chairman being the only official member of the Commission. There have been two changes on the unofficial side of the Council since the date of the report, the Hon. HO KAI having replaced Mr. WONG SHING and the Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD now representing the Chamber of Commerce instead of Mr. B. LATTON. These members, therefore, are not responsible for the report except in so far as they may be considered to have endorsed it subsequently by voting the increases recommended. The Hon. J. J. KEEWICK seems to have been under some misapprehension as to the meaning of the report, for at a meeting of Council held on the 6th December last he said he was disposed to think the increases had not been made in the ratio which it was his understanding they would be. The hon. gentleman signed the report, however, without expressing dissent in any point, and it is difficult to find any room for misunderstanding as to its purpose? The 35 per cent. was taken as roughly representing the difference between £2.2d. the nominal value of the dollar, and the current rate of exchange for the year in which the report was issued, and it was on the basis of that difference that the unofficial members recommended the salaries should be adjusted. The difficulty of arriving at Mr. KEEWICK's real opinion is further enhanced by his votes and remarks at the meetings of the Finance Committee and the Legislative Council on the 18th March last and the 25th idem. When a question regarding the increase of the salaries of the masters of Victoria College came before the Finance Committee after Mr. WHITEHEAD had given notice of motion in Council to stop the whole of the increase—Mr. KEEWICK voted in favour of the increase. When the vote came before the Council he voted against it, and in reply to the Governor gave the following explanation:—"On the last occasion I voted for the increase, but as the matter is brought forward to-day, I see in view of the fact that the vote would certainly be passed and of the motion coming forward of which the hon. member [opposite] (Mr. WHITEHEAD) has given notice, I think it would be desirable that I should record my vote with my colleagues on the present occasion." The expression "in view of the fact that the vote would certainly be passed" conveys the inference that his vote been necessary to carry it, he would have given it in its favour. The Hon. G. P. CHATER voted with Mr. KEEWICK in the Finance Committee, but had left the Colony before the next meeting of Council. Had he remained it is possible that, like Mr. KEEWICK, he would have reversed his vote, but at the outset he was understood to consider the course now entered upon by the unofficial members an entire mistake. There remain only the Hon. P. BYRN, whose position may perhaps be summed up in the phrase that he is "against the Government," The Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD and the Hon. HO KAI are, as already remarked, not responsible for the report of December, 1890, in which the general increase of salaries was recommended, and in the position they now take up they are therefore not in accord with a previous expression of opinion in a contrary direction, except that they passed the estimate in which the increases were embodied.

If the unofficial members collectively and individually have changed their minds since December last no one can dispute their right to do so, and, believing as they do that a mistake has been made, it is their duty to try to set it right; but changes of opinion necessarily lessens the weight carried by the utterances either of an individual or a party. The fact that the Governor has been inconsistent in his utterances regarding the position and prospects of the Colony and in the course he has adopted with reference to the emigration of women from the various ports. Captain Parsons, the master of the vessel, declared himself willing to accept the offer of the defendants to pay, and withdraw the case, but he wished to be guaranteed against a repetition that would alienate him from the Japanese Government. On the matter being referred to the Japanese Consul here he stated that he was unable to do anything in the matter and his Worship decided to dismiss the case. On Saturday evening at the Theatre Royal, the Choral Society gave a third performance of "The Contrabandista." The performance was a considerable improvement on that given on the previous Saturday, and whatever may be the result of "The Contrabandista," the performers did. Mr. Lammert sang well and acted passably; his solo in the second act receiving a well-merited encore. Mr. Heyling again acted so naturally and with such humour and spirit as to make one regret that he had a part in which his good works would have been forgotten. The co-operation of the orchestra was excellent, and the case with Sonoda, and Mr. Smythe's "Joss," if not a strong performance, was worthy of fair commendation. Mr. Lightwood showed a little more humour in the part of Mr. Grimes than on his first appearance in the part and was altogether more successful. Mr. Lightwood sang through the music that falls to the part of the Sergeant satisfactorily. Miss Lamont was for some reason scarcely more nervous than at the first performance a nervousness being apparent that was plainly absent on the occasion of her former visits to the Colony, but her vocal performance on Saturday night was slightly inferior in quality to that given at the previous performances. The coaxed dance by Misses Groundwater, Humphreys, More, and Miss Aitken and Misses Board, Caldwell, and Mitchell was excellent, and was a fine part of the Middleton. The performance was largely re-drawn, and was better done, than the original, and was highly recommended, the chief performers on re-appearing in response receiving a large number of compliments. Mr. Orange, at the head of an excellent orchestra, was responsible for the musical direction. Mr. Mitchell looked after the details of the stage management, while Mr. R. Lyall, the society's secretary, was particularly in evidence in front of the house.

A proclamation in the Government Gazette of Saturday announces that the Statute's Ordinance of 1890 shall come into force on the 1st April 1891.

It is notified in Saturday's Gazette that His Excellency the Governor has provisionally recognized Mr. Augusto José de Rosario as Vice-Counsel for Mexico at this port.

The Agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.) inform us that Capt. F. H. Hawkins, R.A., has resumed his duties as Adjutant of the Hongkong Volunteers from the 15th April.

The steamer (Miss) "Jardine" left Singapore on Saturday afternoon for this port.

News was received on Saturday that the steamer "Ho Kai" had gone to sea on the 18th instant for Shanghai with a general cargo, and it is believed that she will take place to-morrow afternoon. Deceased, who was about twenty-five years of age and unmarried, had been in the army for six years.

The following are the returns of population for the Straits Settlements, as ascertained by the Census taken on the night of Sunday, April 5th:

1891. 1890. 1891.  
Singapore 179,153 129,304 382,839  
Penang & Province Wellesley 139,054 129,957 221,923  
Malacca 77,911 69,471 90,959  
Total 397,551 428,384 602,965

State with reference to the recent increase of official salaries in accordance with the regulations contained in the Statute of the 18th instant and you are requested to inform His Excellency that he has not telegraphed the unofficial members proposing doing so themselves.

In reply I am directed to state that His Excellency has not so telegraphed and does not propose to do so.

His Excellency had hoped before now to have the services of a lawyer in Council, but owing to various causes there may yet be a delay of some days. He does it well to say for the information of the unofficial members whom you represent that those reasons are not substantial.

1.—Because from a despatch already received from the Secretary of State it may be expected that, his decision on the subject of salaries will arrive by the next English mail, so that any telegraphic message of the kind would be too late.

2.—Because His Excellency considers that the unanimous decision of the Council in this matter should be followed up by his own action, and that he does not feel justified in taking any part in what he can not regard as something very nearly related to a breach of contract with the officers concerned.

When the unofficial members have their seats in Council he will share this view, and will propose any recommendation for the reduction of the salaries already voted until the estimates for next year are under consideration, by which time it will be possible to take a calmer and more complete view of the situation.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. M. DELANE Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. P. RYME.

Hongkong, 24th April, 1891.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Delane, K.C.M.G.

Sir.—The unofficial members of Council have the honour to acknowledge receipt from the Acting Colonial Secretary of a letter dated the 21st instant, in which he states that in the opinion of the 14th instant they are informed, by direction of your Excellency, that, for the reasons therein given, he will not be called upon to comply with their request to telegraph to the Secretary of State to withhold temporarily and until he can be consulted his approval of the proposed increase of salaries.

The unofficial members earnestly pray that your Excellency will be pleased to accept their thanks for their continued support of the regular services of the Church of England, and for the services of the Clergy.

1.—Because the final result of the Company's working for 1890 shows a credit balance of \$15,000, which is more than the amount of the loss of the English Agencies, the result of the working of the English Agencies for 1890 shows a loss of \$1,200,000, and the loss of the English Agencies for 1891 is estimated at \$1,300,000.

2.—Because the Marine Department—The net premium for 1890 amounts to \$100,000, less Return and Re-insurance, and \$100,000, less Premiums.

3.—Because the final result of the English business in India, and now has been shown to be the result of the working of the English Agencies, the result of the working of the English Agencies for 1890 shows a loss of \$1,200,000, and the loss of the English Agencies for 1891 is estimated at \$1,300,000.

4.—Because the probable result of the increase of the salary of the Bishop of Calcutta, and the other officials of the Church of England, and the expenses of the Ecclesiastical Department.

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10.—Because the charge contemplated will affect a small, if any, saving in Government money, for public opinion will require the services of an ecclesiastical official to undertake the burial of dead, and public convenience facilities for the performance of the rites of matrimony.

11.—Because the only expenditure that would be rendered by the abolition of grants for ecclesiastical purposes is the cost of the services of an ecclesiastical official to undertake the burial of dead, and public convenience facilities for the performance of the rites of matrimony.

12.—Because if this salary be withdrawn, the Colony will have to pay many expenses, such as the maintenance of the Ecclesiastical Department, and the

due to the centre of the city. No other place could have been chosen for the station. It has been well selected, and is well situated, to represent and appreciate the worth of the work which for many years has been converting one of the most unhealthy and unwholesome centres of population into a city with beautiful outskirts and health-giving resorts where formerly were natives and still in every disgusting form.

## SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

Mr. C. H. Zenger claims to have first suggested in 1875 that the sun acts as a large dynamo-electric machine, controlling the motions of the planets and comets by gravitation. Since then he has made various experiments, which tend to prove that the sun's motion is interpreted by the sun's motion and the motion of the planets are explained by this theory. It has been demonstrated that cyclones and tornadoes have an electrical cause, and reasons have been found for believing that not only cyclones and magnetic storms and the northern lights, but also earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are produced corresponding to a sun-rotation of the sun. A copper sphere has been made to imitate, by the influence of electro-magnets, the motions of the planets around the sun; and a hollow glass sphere has been rotated in its orbit by discharges from an electric machine. The appearance of an eclipsed sun has been reproduced by electric discharges against discs of copper and tin foil or smoked glass plates; and an exact copy of the spots and other familiar characteristics of the sun's surface has been given by discharges on a hollow sphere of conductive glass or on a wire mesh. Finally, the phenomena of comet-tails have been imitated by discharges on wrinkled surfaces.

Two cases of pneumonia as a result of concrements of iron have been reported by Dr. P. W. Butler. A boy of eleven, who had been struck on the left side of the chest with a hatchet, began to cough about four hours later and soon developed the symptoms of pleuro-pneumonia at the base of both lungs. A man of twenty-two, who strained his right side by trying to lift a heavy load, developed all the signs of a case of pneumonia in both lungs, and died.

Experiments in a German technical school have resulted in a valuable building material in the form of sawdust and mineral refuse pressed into bricks. These are very light, impervious to water, and absolutely fireproof.

Instantaneous photographs may be taken by means of a rotating wheel, the film of which photographs have lately been taken which show that a jet of oxygen on passing through water is at once split up into bubbles; and that a jet of water issuing into the air from a nozzle is at first cylindrical and then broken up into drops, each of which is momentarily connected with the cylinder. A photograph of a cylinder of a steam engine in the act of burning shows that this occupies less than 1/100th of a second, while a single spark from a Leyden jar lasts less than 1/1000th of a second.

A mysterious circular object, about 1-3/4" of the apparent diameter of the sun, was seen by an English astronomer as it was crossing the solar disc on Feb. 5. While this could not have been the long-sought Vulcan of M. Lebacquefort, Prof. Cook of Dublin thinks it is not less likely to be a planet, and it is the first clear evidence of transit of an unknown planet in February than in any other month, a remarkable fact being that four of the recorded appearances—those of the years 1820, 1821, 1857 and 1864—were on Feb. 12.

A number of magnetic foci have been found in the Alps by Signors Sartori and Oldano, the rocks with distinctly magnetic properties being magnetite, serpentine, diorite and pyrite. A magnetic rock at Punta Giulia showed traces of fusion, as it had been struck by lightning, and it is suggested that this circumstance has given the rock its magnetic properties.

Some time ago Prof. Parisi, of Athens, was surprised to have received, on two occasions, a wire from Prof. J. J. Thomson, who had tried this as a remedy with almost invariably success, and good results are reported from its trial in America.

Did you ever reflect, grandpa, upon the narrow limits of the conditions that make human life possible? A little more heat and man and his works would wither into dust, a little more cold and the snows of perpetual winter would be heaped high above the mightiest of the earth's cities. Mr. C. Harding tells the Royal Meteorological Society that the few degrees of heat last winter have been more than any previous during the last hundred years. From Nov. 25 to Jan. 22, a per cent of 39 days, the mean temperature of the southeast of England was 2 deg below freezing point, or 1 deg lower than the average, although in the extreme north of Scotland the cold was less than 1 deg greater than the average. The mean temperature for the year had been 50 deg, and Prof. T. G. Bonner to inquire what percentage fall of temperature would restore the glacial period. He concluded that a lowering of the mean by only 18 deg would again cover the British Isles and the northern United States with a sheet of ice extending beyond St. Louis, and that the cold would be about 12 deg or 13 deg. An exchange of the present climate of the corresponding latitudes of the northern and southern hemispheres would bring England at least within the frozen zone.

## THE WEATHER.

MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S EXCHANGER, APRIL 25TH.  
Barometer 9.4 m. -3.07 Therm. 1.9 A.M. (Wet bulb) 65  
Barometer 9.4 m. -3.00 Therm. 1.9 A.M. (Dry bulb) 65  
Thermom. 1.9 A.M. 68 Therm. Maximum ..... 68  
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Thermom. 1.9 A.M. 68 Therm. Night ..... 68

## MетеoroLOGICAL REGISTER.

14TH APRIL, AT 4 P.M.

STATION.	BAROMETER	TEMP.	WIND.	WEATHER.	RAIN.
Wladyslawka	29.84	-	S	+	-
Tokio	29.83	-	S	+	-
Nagasaki	29.83	-	S	+	-
Yokohama	29.83	-	S	+	-
Amoy	29.87	65	NE	+	-
Swatow	29.94	65	E	+	-
Hongkong	29.95	72	NE	+	-
Victoria Peak	29.96	72	NE	+	-
Macau	29.98	71	NE	+	-
Hongkong	29.98	70	NE	+	-
Portuguese Islands	29.92	56	SE	+	-
Malacca	29.87	61	SE	+	-
Cape S. James	29.87	61	SE	+	-
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Barometer reading, rather slight for N.E. wind. Weather overcast, rather warm and foggy. (Issued at 10.45 A.M.)

## HONGKONG REGISTER.

14TH APRIL, AT 4 P.M.

	Previous day 4 p.m.	On date 4 p.m.	On date 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.83	29.83	29.83
Temperature	65	73	74
Humidity	80	55	55
Depth of wind	5	5	5
Force	5	4	2
Weather	+	+	b
Rain	0.01	0.01	0.01

Lowest temp. air temperature on the 20th ..... 65  
1. Barometers reduced to 30 degrees Fahr. at sea level. 65  
2. Temperature in degrees Fahr. 65  
3. Humidity in percentage of saturation, the humidity at 100% being 100%. 65  
4. Force of the wind according to Beaufort Scale. 5  
5. Depth of wind. 5  
6. Direction of the wind. b  
7. Depth of clouds, d—drizzling rain, f—fog, g—gusty wind, h—hail, i—ice, l—lightning, o—overcast, p—partial clouds, r—rainy weather, s—sleet, t—thunder, v—visibility. 65  
W. DOBBECK.

Hongkong Observatory, April 10th, 1891.

## COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SATURDAY, 25TH APRIL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

EXCHANGE.	DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & EXP.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED.
ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer	CLIPPER.	Parttt.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 28th Inst. at Noon.	
	Bank Bills, or demand	CLIPPER.	D. Deane.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at Noon.	
	Bank Bills, or 30 days sight	CLIPPER.	F. Eason.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 19th May, at 1 P.M.	
	Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	CLIPPER.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 7th May, at 1 P.M.	Quick despatch.	
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	CLIPPER.	A. M. S. S. Co.	Melchers & Co.	On 14th May, at 10 A.M.	
	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	CLIPPER.	A. M. S. S. Co.	Melchers & Co.	On 14th May, at 10 A.M.	
ON PARIS.—	Bank Bills, on demand	BRIT. STR.	Parke.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
ON BOMBAY.—	Bank Bills, on demand	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
ON HAMBURG.—	Bank Bills, on demand	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
ON VICTORIA, B.C., & PEELAND, &c.	Bank Bills, on demand	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
ON TORONTO.—	Bank Bills, on demand	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
ON CALIFORNIA.—	Bank Bills, on demand	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
ON CHINA.—	Bank Bills, on demand	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
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	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
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ON SAIGON, HAYRE, &c.	Bank Bills, on demand	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
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ON SWATOW, AMOK, & FOCHOW	Bank Bills, on demand	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
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	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
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	Credits, at 4 months' sight	BRIT. STR.	G. Livingston.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 29th Inst. at 3 P.M.	
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